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SUBJECT: PATTERSON CORPORATION (CENTRAL AMERICAN AEROSPACE)

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1. MORNING NEWSPAPERS MARCH 19 CARRIED IDENTICAL AP STORY REPORT US CUSTOMS SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT ON FEB 27, CUSTOMS HAD ATTACHED A SHIPMENT OF 18 CRATES OF MILITARY HELICOPTER PARTS ABOUT TO BE SHIPPED ILLEGALLY FROM LONG BEACH TO ACAJUTLA, EL SALVADOR. THE SHIPMENT HAD A REPORTED VALUE OF \$22.5 MILLION AND THE SEIZURE WAS MADE ON THE BASIS OF A CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT THAT THE SHIPMENT LACKED A DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXPORT LICENSE. NO ARRESTS WERE REPORTED NOR WERE THOSE INVOLVED IDENTIFIED AND INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE WAS CONTINUING. (END UNCLASSIFIED) STORY DID NOT MENTION PATTERSON OR ANY PERSONS INVOLVED. SINCE THE HELICOPTER PROJECT HAS RECEIVED WIDE PRESS COVERAGE HERE IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE RELATED TO CARR AND PATTERSON. ACTION REQUESTED: COPY OF TEXT OF ANY CUSTOMS PRESS RELEASE, GUIDANCE CONCERNING REPORTED US CUSTOMS ACTION AND A SITREP ON PATTERSON.

2. THE EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED INSAFI ABOUT THIS CUSTOMS ATTACHMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE COTTER/MOSKOWITZ TELCON OF FEB 28. THE ONLY OTHER DEVELOPMENT SINCE THEN WAS REPORTED

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BY THE LOCAL CITIBANK MANAGER WHO, ABOUT MARCH 11, RECEIVED A LONG

DISTANCE CALL FROM CARR ASKING IF THE BANK WOULD LEND AGAINST MEXICAN GOVERNMENT BONDS HELD BY PATTERSON. (CITIBANK SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON ITS MEXICAN OFFICE TO EVALUATE THE BONDS AND WE KNOW OF NO FURTHER ACTION.) CARR AND HIS AMCIT ASSOCIATES RETURNED TO THE US BY MID-FEBRUARY AND CARR'S LOCAL SECRETARY INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 19 HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN AROUND THE END OF THE MONTH. THE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THE COMPLEXITY AND DELAYS OF THE SEC INVESTIGATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST A STATUS REPORT AND PROGNOSIS.
MOSKOWITZ

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